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To: Administrative Boards of the College of Arts & Sciences From: Robin Visser, Chair, Department of Asian Studies

Re: Request for changes to the minor in Arabic

The following courses are being added to the minor:

- ASIA 68: First-Year Seminar: Power of Music/Music of Power: Cultural Politics of 20th-Century Arabic Music [being proposed concurrently]
- FREN 617: Framing Identities: Franco-Arab Transvisual Transcultural Contexts
- GEOG 448: Transnational Geographies of Muslim Societies
- RELI 185: Women/Gender/Islam

The fourth-year Arabic classes (ARAB 407 and 408) will now be allowed to count as the culture course for the minor. At this advanced level, the Arabic courses are not merely language study, but contain significant cultural content.

The minor description is also being changed to reflect the concurrent proposal to crosslist ASIA 357 with JWST 357.

Finally, language has been added to the minor description to more explicitly clarify the policy on PL credit.

Attached is a revised version of the minor text for the Undergraduate Bulletin.

Robin Visser

Arabic Minor

The undergraduate minor in Arabic consists of four courses. Three courses are language courses beyond ARAB 203 (the first semester of Intermediate Arabic). The other course must be chosen from among the following: ARAB 150, 151, 321, 337, 338, 350, 407, 408, 434, 443, 452, 453, 462, 468; ARAB/ASIA/RELI 681; ARTH 351; ARTH/ASIA 154, 251, 458, 561; ASIA 64, 66, 68, 357, 435; ASIA/GEOG 447; ASIA/HIST 138, 139, 275, 276, 277, 536, 537, 538; ASIA/JWST 357; ASIA/RELI 180, 181, 581, 582, 584; FREN 617; GEOG 448; RELI 185, 480; SOCI 419. Placement credit (PL) may not be used to meet minor requirements.